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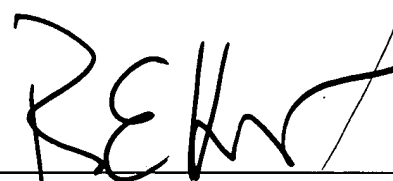
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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Compliance with 37 CFR §1.704(d)

[] Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by the office of the undersigned more than 30 days prior to filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART III: Information Cited

A. ☒ [X] The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

B. ☐ [] The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

1. ☐ [] The above-identified U.S. application claims priority to application Serial No. PCT/USxx/xxxxx. If the Examiner has not had the benefit of review of the file history of PCT/USxx/xxxxx, then he/she is asked to contact the undersigned, who will provide a copy of same.
2. ☐ [] The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

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3. ☒ [X] The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.
4. ☐ [] The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following other information, whose relevance is discussed in Part IV below:

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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		Number	Kind Code		
		US2001/0047326	A1	Broadbent et al.	11/29/2001
		US2001/0056475	A1	Anderson et al.	12/27/2001
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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